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Applicant respectfully requests that claims 16-30 be examined along with claims 1-15 as they have been amended to be apparatus claims which are now dependent on previous apparatus claims.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required in this application to Deposit Account No. 06-1135.

Respectfully submitted,

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16. (once amended) An apparatus in accordance with claim 15 comprising a cannula [according to claim 17] having an aperture formed at a distal end and a coupling section provided at a proximal end for the coupling to the application apparatus, wherein the distal end of the cannula is formed asymmetrically with a tip disposed to the side of the longitudinal axis; and handling elements projecting outwardly to the side are provided at the proximal end of the cannula with which the cannula can both be rotated around a longitudinal axis thereof and displaced along a longitudinal direction.

18. (once amended) An apparatus in accordance with claim 16 wherein the [A] cannula [in accordance with claim 17] is effective for an application apparatus [in accordance with claim 1].

19. (once amended) An apparatus [A cannula] in accordance with claim 17, wherein an edge of the cannula end forming the border of the aperture is ground as a cutting edge.

20. (once amended) An apparatus [A cannula] in accordance with claim 17, wherein a passage area of the aperture extends obliquely to the longitudinal axis of the cannula.

21. (once amended) An apparatus [A cannula] in accordance with claim 17, wherein two handling elements are provided which are arranged with respect to the longitudinal axis of the cannula, in particular opposite thereto.

22. (once amended) An apparatus [A cannula] in accordance with claim 17, wherein the handling elements are formed as pin-like elements projecting radially outwardly.

23. (once amended) An apparatus [A cannula] in accordance with claim 17, wherein a mandrin can be inserted into the cannula; and a connecting element is provided in the region of the proximal end of the cannula, to generate a connection between the mandrin and the cannula which is releasable, rotationally fixed and/or displaceably fixed in the axial direction.

24. (once amended) An apparatus [A cannula] in accordance with claim 23, wherein the connecting element is provided at a coupling section of the cannula.

25. (once amended) An apparatus [A cannula] in accordance with claim 23, wherein a counter element cooperating with the connecting element is provided at the mandrin.

26. (once amended) An apparatus [A cannula] in accordance with claim 25, wherein the counter element is provided in a region of the proximal end of the mandrin.

27. (once amended) An apparatus [A cannula] in accordance with claim 23, wherein the connection between the mandrin and the cannula comprises a bayonet fastening.

28. (once amended) An apparatus [A cannula] in accordance with claim 23, wherein the connecting element is formed as a slot-like recess, in particular as a groove or breakthrough, and the counter element is formed in particular as a pin-like lug or vice versa.

29. (once amended) An apparatus [A cannula] in accordance with claim 28, wherein the recess comprises at least one longitudinal section extending in the axial direction of the cannula.

30. (once amended) An apparatus [A cannula] in accordance with claim 29, wherein a cross-section of the recess extending in a peripheral direction of the cannula connects to the longitudinal section.